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Box Score

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL

ARMSTRONG

8	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	9
	LINCOLN MEMORIAL (16-9-1)	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	8	10	1	
	ARMSTRONG (15-8)	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	9	14	1	





Posted: Mar 16, 2014

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad plated two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to edge Lincoln Memorial, 9-8, and take the non-conference series from the Railsplitters on Sunday afternoon at Pirate Field.

The Pirates (15-8) have now won five of their last six games with the victory, while Lincoln Memorial (16-9-1) drops its third game out of its last four with the loss.

Armstrong entered the ninth inning trailing the Railsplitters 8-7. LMU closer and reigning NCBWA National Player of the Week Josh Coker got the first batter out in the inning, but hit Armstrong batters **R.J. Dennard** and **Ryan Patterson** in succession to put the tying and go-ahead runners on. **Berry Aldridge** then singled to left field to load the bases.

Dalton Johnson hit a slow roller to short. Isaac Woody flipped to second baseman Jean Rodriguez for the second out, but Rodriguez' relay to first to try and get the inning-ending out hit the dirt and got past the first baseman Kelvin Brito, allowing pinch runner **Nathan Ward** to score from second with the winning run.

BATTING
LINCOLN MEMORIAL
2B: Colin Buckner
3B: Kyle Floyd
HR: Kelvin Brito 2
ARMSTRONG
2B: Cody Sherlin 2; R.j. Dennard
3B: none
HR: none
FULL STATS

Ryan Good (3-1) picked up the win in relief for the Pirates, hurling 3 1/3 innings of two-hit, one-run ball, striking out two. Coker (0-1) suffered his first loss of the season in relief, giving up three hits and three runs - two earned - in 2 1/3 innings of work, striking out one.

The Pirates opened up the game by scoring three runs in the bottom of the second inning for the early 3-0 lead. Brett Hart singled in a run, then **Cody Sherlin** followed with a two-RBI double for Armstrong.

Lincoln Memorial answered with six runs in the top of the third inning - highlighted by a three-run home run from Brito - to take a 6-3 lead.

The Pirates battled back to tie the game at 6-all with a single run in the third inning on R.J. Dennard's RBI double, then two runs in the fourth inning on an RBI single by **Tyler Avera** and an RBI fielder's choice by **Clayton Miller**.

LMU retook the lead in the fifth on Brito's second home run of the day, a solo shot to lead off the inning. The Railsplitters then added a run in the seventh on an RBI single by Jacob West. The Pirates closed the gap to one in the bottom of the seventh on Berry Aldridge's RBI single, setting the stage for the ninth-inning heroics.

Sherlin went 3-for-4 with two RBIs to pace the Pirates at the plate, while Aldridge, Miller, Hart and **Corey Crunk** all had two hits. Brito led the Railsplitters with a 3-for-4 day with two home runs and four RBIs.

Armstrong returns to action on Wednesday, March 19, traveling to Benedict for a 2:00 p.m. non-conference contest with the Tigers.



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